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The title indicates the nature and extent of the work—the Lien Law of a particular jurisdiction; but Mr. Snyder has embraced within the compass of little more than four hundred pages the provisions of the State dealing with liens upon real estate and personal property, municipal liens, chattel mortgages, conditional sales, liens upon vessels, together with the Rules of the U. S. Supreme Court as to admiralty and maritime liens (pp. 180–201.) Did the book contain nothing more than the text of the law, it would be a useful compilation, but the real value of Mr. Snyder's treatise consists in the intelligent and accurate comment upon the text of the law. The adjudged case is cited in its appropriate place, and the author has incorporated in his notes cases decided and reported as recently as the 175th New York, the 85th Appellate Division and the 40th Miscellaneous Reports.

The difficult subjects of mortgage, pledge, conditional sale are especially well handled and their differences and distinctions well brought out and illustrated (pp. 238–270).

One hundred pages (pp. 275–374) contain a very full and useful collection of forms which make a practical book very practical. The index is more detailed than usual and gives references to the forms as well as the text and notes.

JOHN MARSHALL, COMPLETE CONSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS, EDITED WITH ANNOTATIONS, HISTORICAL, CRITICAL AND LEGAL. By John M. Dillon of the New York Bar. Illustrated with portrait and facsimiles. Chicago: Callaghan & Company. 1903. pp. vii, 799.

This is a companion volume to "Marshall's Life, Character and Judicial Services," three memorial volumes published also by Messrs. Callaghan and reviewed in *THE COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW* of October last. The present volume contains in full every decision rendered by Marshall, twenty-nine in all, in which the interpretation of the Constitution was involved. A careful study of these opinions is absolutely essential to a thorough understanding of the Constitution, and all students must therefore welcome this excellent volume containing in convenient form and with valuable explanatory notes the entire collection of Marshall's Constitutional decisions. In order to add to the usefulness of the volume, there is prefixed to each opinion the head-notes prepared by Justice Curtis as editor of the decisions of the Supreme Court, and which contain a concise and accurate statement of the exact points decided in each case. In view of the fact that nearly every one of the cases decided by Marshall has an interesting historical background, the knowledge of which will add greatly to a better understanding of the case, each opinion is preceded also by explanatory matter showing how the case arose and the facts involved, together with such critical observations concerning the importance of the decision as seemed necessary. These prefatory notes were prepared by Mr. J. F. Dillon, the editor of the Marshall memorial volumes. In foot-notes at the close of each opinion are valuable annotations indicating the extent to which the case has been subsequently referred by historians and publicists or cited by the Court, thus showing the present state of the law on those points with which Marshall dealt.

An interesting feature and one which affords evidence of much painstaking industry is the reference from each opinion to the volumes containing the memorial addresses on Marshall's life and services. Thus we find fifty-seven references to these addresses, showing what was said by the various speakers of the case of *Marbury v. Madison*. A table of chronological data, a list of the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-Generals and official reporters from 1789 to the time of Marshall's death, a bibliography of authorities quoted, a list of cases cited and a comprehensive index add much to the usefulness and convenience of the volume.